## ALDER GROVE

714 F Street Eureka, CA 95501

Hello Alder Grove Families,

Ah, Spring...as of the time I am writing this, we've gotten a healthy quantity of rain and a few sunny days. I hope all of this precipitation will help quench a thirsty California! I always appreciate the time change and the light lasting until later in the evening...I can even occasionally get in a rare hike after work, when I'm lucky.

~Alder Grove News~

April 2024

**CAASPP Testing:** We cannot thank you enough for bringing your students in for testing this month. We realize this isn't the most fun activity we offer, but it's essential to the well-being and continuation of our amazing school. The state puts so much pressure on us to test ALL of our students and the consequences of not doing so through AB 1505 is the eventual denial of charter renewal and the closure of the school. Week two of CAASPP testing will take place from April 8 - April 12. There will be NO ON-CAMPUS CLASSES during Week Two of testing. If you were unable to bring your student in during our scheduled testing weeks, please make a plan with your CT to bring them the week of April 22nd. State testing sessions will feature enhanced store rewards and special Bark Bucks, school-provided meals, and other fun things. Our teachers are distributing very fancy, special Bucks for students who showed growth and/or met standard on last year's test! We appreciate that you care about Alder Grove and *all* of the students we serve! It takes teamwork...

**Governance Council:** Are you interested in helping plan the future of the school? *We need new members to fill 1 vacancy.* Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. If you're interested, please call Jenifer Doane at 707-268-0854, extension 301. We really appreciate our current GC members: David Turner, Sarah Weltsch, Geri Emberson, and Matt Wilton. They continue to make wise decisions while always considering what is best for our students, families, and our school. We couldn't do it without you all...

Home Tests for Spring Break: We have plenty of home COVID tests for you to use before spring break travel, if you have symptoms, before you return to school after spring break, etc. Come and get them in the front office! We appreciate your diligence and for keeping our students and staff safe.

**Science Day:** Thank you for attending our first annual Science Day! We hope your students had a fantastic time and that you went home with some great ideas for experiments and curriculum. Thank you to Sunshine for enthusiastically organizing the event, and to all of our volunteers who worked the stations!

**High School Info and CTE Showcase:** Meet our high school instructors and support staff! Learn more about our CTE programs in Game Design, Culinary, Building Trades, Horticulture, Animation, Film, and Music Production! Hear from AGCS alumni and special guests! Bring your 8th graders and current high school students! Sign up for next year's classes! Save the date: April 8th, 4-6 at AGCS.

We can't believe how close we are to the end of the school year AND to summer break. We know we can speak for our staff and teachers when we say how much we appreciate you choosing Alder Grove Charter School and supporting our shared vision of flexible personalized learning and parent choice.

Have a relaxing spring break!

Tim Warner, Superintendent/Executive Director Stefani Gambrel, Principal/Director of Operations

## ALDER GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL HOURS OF OPERATION: 8:30am-4:30pm

Library Hours: 9am-4pm

#### New Mission Statement:

"Our commitment is to deliver personalized learning through strong family, educator, and community partnerships that empower students to achieve academic excellence and foster active citizenship."

#### PBIS ANNOUNCES NEW SASQUATCH STATION!



The PBIS Committee would like to announce the Sasquatch Station! This will be the name for the school store in addition to the Chromebook borrowing area near the stage, in the Learning Lab. We have been working really hard to inventory and restock the store. It has come to our attention that many

students have 100's of BB's since last year. So, we have bought new items and raised the prices for these items with the hope that kids will start spending their hard earned bucks.

We have kites, art supplies, book box sets, as well as many TK-2nd items at lower costs. There are several food items for kiddos from 1-15 BB's. We'd also like to announce that this will be the **last year for the green BB's**. Yep, next year, we will **no longer** be using the old ones and transferring to a new color for the school year. If students have several BB's, we will honor them for 1 month into the new school year.

It is VERY important that all students earn Bucks for the store. This is a fantastic program. Please help us make this reward system work! If you have any suggestions of items that your family would be interested in, please let us know by submitting a suggestion into the box located in Sasquatch Station.

As soon as CAASP testing begins, there will be "specially marked" items for students to purchase with their earned Bucks. These items will be easily marked for testers. The prices will match the \$ amount (3,5,7,10) that they receive for the testing.

As new items appear in the store, monthly, we will be offering a CLEARANCE table for things that need to go and haven't sold. The items will usually be listed for 1BB. When there are clearance items, they will be clearly marked off to the side.Any questions, please contact Kim or Cassie.



#### **MEAL PROGRAM / WELLNESS POLICY**

Check out the Alder Grove Meal Program tab on our website for links to healthy celebration treats and non-food rewards for students, healthy school fundraising ideas, and a Smart Snacks calculator and list of food and beverages that meet the Smart Snack nutrition standards.

Also, don't forget that Alder Grove serves breakfast and lunch to all students FREE of charge with no application or sign-up required!

Breakfast is offered: Monday — Friday from 8:35am until 8:55am.

Lunch is offered: Monday — Thursday from 12:40pm until 1:05pm, and on Friday from 12:00pm until 12:25pm.





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#### **PBIS BOOK OF THE MONTH**

Do you sometimes have trouble paying attention in school? Do you lose track of time and deadlines? Do you often feel "scattered" or unorganized? You're not alone. All teens need a little extra help staying focused—in school and in life. This is especially true if you have attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism spectrum disorder, sensory processing disorders, a mood disorder, or have experienced traumatic brain injury. The good news is that there are skills you can learn to help you stay on track.

In this friendly guide, psychologist and ADHD expert Lara Honos-Webb offers six powerful "super skills" to help you pay attention, increase productivity, and get organized so you can achieve your goals and live your best life. These skills include:

- Focusing on the positive
- Goal setting
- Chunking: breaking big goals down into small manageable chunks
- Motivational enhancement
- Emotional regulation: dealing with "big" feelings
- Managing attention

#### Click here for more information: https://www.newharbinger.com/9781684035335/six-super-skills-for-executive-functioning/

## 6 super skills for executive functioning

tools to help teens improve focus, stay organized & reach their goals

LARA HONOS-WEBB, PHD FOREWORD BY NEIL D. BROWN, LCSW

## On Campus & Virtual Labs

All labs are free.





Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00

Learning Lab

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Suzanne (9:00-1:00)	Jasper (9:00-10:15)	Cassie (9:00-1:00)	Jasper (9:00-10:15)	Travis (9:00-3:00)
	Tavia (10:15-12:00)		Tavia (10:15-12:00)	*Learning Lab is in Room 2 on Fridays
Tavia (1:00-3:00)	Cassie (12:00-3:00)	Rachael (1:00-3:00)	Cassie (12:00-3:00)	



Science Lab Grades 5-12 Mondays, 2:10-3:30 (on campus or virtual) Virtual Link:



Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/98450313082?pwd=UzhWUkw2dmpFSGZPWGpjclFvYTFBUT09

#### Google Classroom Join Code: 7wl4szh

The Science Lab is a place for students to come for help with their science coursework or to complete hands-on science labs. Additionally, the Science Lab supports students pursuing A-G Independent Study credits in Biology and Chemistry using the Inspire Biology or Chemistry curriculum and is supported with online labs.

### Spanish Games/Homework Help

#### Grades 4-12

#### Mondays, 1:10-2:05

#### (on campus or virtual)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/7282229011?pwd=aDQ3NDIDdkdtZXBXOVZaU0pITXZaQT09

Meeting ID: 728 222 9011

#### Passcode: Hola2023

The first half hour of this free lab will focus on in-person games designed to increase students' Spanish fluency. The second half hour will include any student who needs homework help with their Spanish both in person and online.









# UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS / EVENTS

SCHOOLS TO SYMPHONY THURSDAY, APR 11TH / 9:30-10:30AM 30 PEOPLE. TK-8TH GRADES. FREE! ARKLEY CENTER, EUREKA.

END OF YEAR PARTY FRIDAY, MAY 3RD / 5-7:00PM ALDER GROVE PARKING LOT

SPRING PERFORMANCE FRIDAY, MAY 17TH / 10:00AM-NOON ALDER GROVE STAGE

<u>THE BIG, BAD MUSICAL</u> FRIDAY, MAY 17TH / 6-7:30PM EUREKA THEATER

<u>GRADUATION</u> THURSDAY, MAY 23RD 8TH GRADE AT 3:30PM 12TH GRADE AT 5:30PM EUREKA THEATER

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## ANNOUNCEMENT PROM IS CANCELLED THIS YEAR!

Due to attendance concerns, and challenges with securing a venue and DJ, prom has been cancelled this year. 12th grade students were sent a survey to provide input, before this decision was made. Student Council has decided to throw prom every-other year to ensure adequate attendance. Instead of high school students having four opportunities to attend this special event, they will have two.

A High School Party is scheduled for April 26th! More info. to come.



Join us for a HIGH SCHOOL END OF THE VEAR PARTY!!!

Friday, April 26th, 2024 7:00-9:00 pm Jefferson Community Center 1000 B St Fureka

> DJ/Karaoke Dancing Food and Snacks in the Cafe (fnee) Raffle for Pnizes



THEME: Spring Flingi FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024 7:00PM - 9:30PM MCKINLEYVILLE ACTIVITY CENTER, 1705 GWIN ROAD OPEN TO ALL 6TH - &TH GRADERS CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE TICKETS SOLD 3 TO 2 WEEKS BEFORE: \$12 TICKETS SOLD WEEK OF: \$15 TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

TICKETS: 1656 SUTTER RD. OR ONLINE @ REC.MCKINLEYVILLECSD.COM COMPLETED CODE OF CONDUCT & STUDENT BODY ID CARD REQUIRED!!!



May 3 | Friday | 5-7 PM AGCS Parking Lot

END OF THE

YEAR PARTY

\*Nature Joe \*Photo Booth \*Face Painting \*Shaved Ice \*Popcorn Ice Cream Truck (<u>Bring \$ for Ice Cream</u>) \*Games and More







Congratulations to Rocky Villalpando and Aaron Campos for this recognition! We appreciate their scientific work!

## **REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING SAT TESTING**

SAT TESTS WILL BE ONLINE AND AVAILABLE FOR 11TH & 12TH GRADE STUDENTS TO TAKE AT NO COST AT ALDER GROVE.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 - 9AM-12PM



STUDENTS MUST REGISTER BY EMAILING JEN.BURTRAM@ALDERGROVECHARTER.ORG NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST.

GET AHEAD OF THE CURVE AND SECURE YOUR SPOT



## KOKTE RANCH RESTORATIO

Come get outside with friends & family to pull invasive plants and improve Jacoby Creek salmon habitat!

#### Saturday, April 13th 2024 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - RAIN OR SHINE -

WHERE: Kokte Ranch and Nature Preserve: 2182 Old Arcata Road Bayside, CA 95524

BRING: Long sleeves, closed toed shoes, water bottle, friends & family!

SCAN TO SIGN UP

Volunteers invited **to** FREE BBQ & RAFFLE after event



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### **INKPEOPLE.ORG/MARZPROJECT**

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#### MEDIA ARTS INING FOR **GED 12-26** 627 3RD ST IN EUREKA

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND THE LATEST UPDATES & DROP-IN IN HOURS!** 

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#### FIELD DAY 2024





Thanks to all of the volunteers and participants who helped make our Second Annual Field Day a success! The Sun was shining and the students were running, jumping, throwing, and stretching. We had a lot of people participate and everyone had a great time!















#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ETHAN LOCICERO**

Ethan has been a part of The Boy's and Girl's Club since 2021. He has



participated in Teen Court since December 2021 and was voted Chairman of the Leader's Board this school year (2023-24). These programs are great because they help foster leadership skills, communication skills, goal setting and teamwork which is what kids





need to meet their goals, and challenges of being an adolescent and even into adulthood.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING CLUB**

Photos of the club planting Native Species in Sequoia Park, helping with the Eureka City Aftercare at the Zoo, and cleaning up Clarke Plaza.









#### **BOTANY FIELD TRIP - SUNKEN SEAWEED FARM**

Courtney took her botany class to Sunken Seaweed Farm with Nichole and Holly. The students asked great questions and learned lots about seaweed farming. Boy was there a chilly wind that day! The owner is one of Courtney's



old students from when she taught at Cal Poly Humboldt!









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## INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

#### Inspiring New Career Pathways

Trades Day introduces high schoolers to industry career opportuni in construction, design, sub-contracting, heavy equipment, engineering, and other skilled trades.

#### Empowering Youth to Pursue

Partners from the trades industry training and post-secondary programs, and others will join to inspire local students. Mary will bring hands-on activities for students to explore the industry, teaching them skills such as hammering, cement mixing, roofing, and welding. This unique opportunity showcases the rewarding and exciting nature of this career pathway. Where Industry Meets the Clarsroom

#### 🗹 APRIL 25, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

REDWOOD ACRES FAIRGROUNDS

Brittany Albaugh I 214.241.1090 I balbaugh@cie.foundation

AUNILABLE TIME SLDTS: 8:30 a.m. -10:30 u.m. 19:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. 19:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Schools, youth groups & individual subtents are introl for to register for a two-hour block startin from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Upon arrival, students will go through a safety talgate talk before retrientin the oblition halls. "Research to the safet model.







TRADES ACADEMY SUMMER INSTITUTE an Education @ Work Initiative

## **Explore Careers in Trades!** June 17-28 at College of the Redwoods

TASI is a free two-week summer education program that provides local high school students the opportunity to explore careers and acquire skills in product manufacturing, welding, and construction techniques.

Visits with local industry partners will be included in the program and participants will have the opportunity to earn OSHA 10 certification.



Scan the QR code to fill out an interest form! For more info or to apply, contact Ann Marie Rocha at arocha@hcoe.org or 707-441-3954.

**Topics covered include:** 

EDUCATION

- Fabrication
- Welding
- Construction
  Workplace Safety

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#### Explore Careers in Health Care!

#### June 12 & June 13 (evening) June 20 - June 30 | July 6 & July 7

HESI (Health Careers Exploration Summer Institute) is a free two-three week summer education program sponsored by HCOE's Career and College Resource Department. It provides high school students the opportunity to discover if they are interested in a career in health care. This year, the program will be accepting 26 students.

> Interested in a career in health care? Gain experience in the health care industry



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#### https://hcoe.org/hesi Apply by Friday, April 17

Apply by Friday, April 17 Questions? Email mfreitas@hcoe.org

> Humboldt County Office of Education

Providence St.JosephHealth

Must be 16 years and older to apply



Former TESI student, Varien Goode helped create the figure on the left.

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## **TESTING SCHEDULE:** MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Hello Students and Families,

I cannot believe it, especially with this weather, but Spring is just around the corner, and with that comes state mandated testing, i.e. CAASPP and the PFT. If you haven't read Tim's notes about the high stakes of testing all eligible students, laws impacting charter renewal have made it more critical than ever to test all of our eligible students.

## I am not exaggerating when I say that the future of our school depends on our students' participation in state testing!

#### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THE FOLLOWING DATES:

**April 1 - April 12:** Week One of CAASPP testing will take place from April 1 - April 5. Students in 3rd through 8th grades, along with 11th graders, will be tested in Mathematics and Language Arts. All students in 5th, 8th, and some 11th and 12th graders will also take the California Science (CAST). Your CT will be contacting you about scheduling these sessions soon! **Week One of testing coincides with on-campus classes and labs.** 

**April 8 - April 12**: Week Two of CAASPP testing will take place from April 8 - April 12. **There will be NO ON-CAMPUS CLASSES during Week Two of testing.** 

**REMINDER:** A link to the CAASPP practice tests is available on the Alder Grove website under Quick Links. <u>Please</u> consider sitting down with your student and going through each practice test TOGETHER. You and your student will benefit from getting better acquainted with the testing platform and the type of questions that will be on these assessments. You can find an answer guide here: <u>https://www.caaspp.org/ta-resources/practice-training.html</u>.

### THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING US ACHIEVE 100% PARTICIPATION IN STATE MANDATED TESTING!

#### **COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORNER**

Remember Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10.

If you would like to help make our teachers feel wonderfully appreciated this week, please reach out to Shana Langer, Community School Coordinator at <u>shana.langer@aldergrovecharter.org</u>.

Any help, no matter how small, will be very much appreciated.

Also, the Parent Café is not going to happen this year, but plans are in the works for the future, so keep your eyes peeled!





### Sign up for a FREE Math and/or Reading program

Did you know that is as little as 15 minutes a day, your student can work towards closing gaps they have in Reading and/or Mathematics? Ask your CT today if you would like for your student to participate in this FREE program, courtesy of Alder Grove Charter School!

Targeted Intervention that <b>Delivers a Better Path Forward</b>					
Edgenuity MyPath <sup>®</sup> K–5 and MyPath <sup>®</sup> 6–12 are personalized learning programs for reading and math that deliver high- impact, engaging lessons that target the specific skills students need to get back to grade level. These innovative programs tailor learning to the needs of each student with technology that prioritizes age-appropriate content and optimizes learning to maximize student success.					
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